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CANNED FRUIT PRICES IN WEST GERMANY, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE NETHERLANDS

In April, German sources reported that the first arrivals of the new pack of South African canned peaches and apricots entered distribution channels at favorable prices and conditions. Greek peaches were available only in small lots and on short delivery terms. Some U.S. fruit cocktail was sold, despite high prices and stiff Italian competition. U.S. Michigan sour cherries sold well but were not as abundant as last year. U.S. exports of canned fruit to West Germany in January-April 1976 were larger than in the same period in 1975 for apricots, fruit cocktail, peaches, pears, and pineapples but were lower for cherries and orange juice. January-April 1976 exports, in cases 1/, with January-April 1975 data in parentheses, were: Apricots 552 (362), cherries other than maraschino 7,294 (19,390), fruit cocktail 28,832 (12,990), peaches 55,632 (34,147), pears 727 (347), pineapple 41,717 (35,152). Exports of canned, single-strength orange juice, in gallons, were 293,266 (333,711).

U.S. exports of canned fruit to the United Kingdom in the period January-April 1976 gained on year-earlier figures for cherries, but exports sagged for apricots, fruit cocktail, peaches, pears, pineapples, and orange juice. January-April 1976 exports compared with January-April 1975 exports, in cases 1/, were: Apricots 147 (418), cherries 2,680 (1,154), fruit cocktail 15,067 (21,943), peaches 2,560 (11,530), pears 171 (1,779), pineapple 2,256 (6,698). Orange juice exports, in gallons 5,954 (10,512).

U.S. exports of canned fruits to the Netherlands in the first 4 months of 1976 topped the level of the same period of 1975 for apricots, cherries other than maraschino, fruit cocktail, and pears. Exports of peaches, pineapple and orange juice slipped from year-earlier levels. January-April exports, in cases 1/, were: Apricots 583 (385), cherries 5,314 (876), fruit cocktail 23,085 (15,799), peaches 23,826 (31,045), pears 744 (644), pineapple 5,215 (6,559). Orange juice exports, in gallons, were 7,459 (61,113).

1/ Cases of 24/2½'s, 45-pound basis.

HAMBURG PRICES OF CANNED FRUITS AND JUICES ^{1/}
(In U.S. dollars)

Type and Quality	Size of Can	Price per dozen units <u>2/</u>			Origin
		April 1976:Jan. 1976:April 1976:			
CANNED FRUITS					
Apricot halves:					
Not sweetened	No. 303	6.64	3.58	3.69	United States
Not specified	3 kg.	---	19.18	20.74	Spain
Do	No. 10	---	18.13	18.61	Greece
Do	425 ml.	3.01	---	3.12	Greece
Peach halves:					
Choice	2½	7.91	6.42	6.63	United States
Do	No. 10	29.63	23.64	24.38	South Africa
Not specified	No. 10	---	22.49	23.20	Italy
Do, freestone	2½	4.80	4.98	5.07	Greece
Do	850 ml.	---	---	4.55	Bulgaria
Peach slices:					
Choice	850 ml.	---	---	5.82	South Africa
Fruit cocktail:					
Not specified, 4 fruit..	425 ml.	---	---	3.65	Italy
Choice	2½	8.16	---	8.10	United States
Fruit salad:					
Not specified	15 oz.	3.73	3.81	4.07	Spain
Pears:					
Choice	2½	---	5.78	5.97	Australia
Not specified	2½	5.72	6.61	6.82	Italy
Do	10	19.90	15.70	14.44	Greece
Do, not sweetened ...	303	6.39	---	5.92	United States
Cherries, sour:					
Fancy, water pack	10	43.15	30.66	32.90	United States
Water pack	10	37.52	22.49	23.67	Greece
Do	5 kg.	63.40	---	53.02	Yugoslavia
Choice, heavy syrup ...	14 oz.	---	6.10	6.43	Canada
Pineapple slices:					
Choice	2½	8.65	8.21	8.47	Philippines
Not specified	20 oz.	---	6.10	6.25	United States
Do	2	7.76	5.14	5.16	Ivory Coast
Do	2½	7.35	6.88	6.91	South Africa
Do	2	---	---	5.16	Thailand
CANNED JUICES					
Orange, tetra pack2 l ¼	1.53	1.38	1.42	United States
Orange55 l	2.04	1.84	1.89	Israel
Grapefruit	43 oz.	5.82	5.09	5.63	Greece
Do	1 l	---	4.31	4.45	Israel

^{1/} Quotations represent importers' selling prices including duty and sugar-added levy, but excluding value-added tax.

^{2/} Converted to U.S. dollars at approximate parity existing when quotations were observed. Currency rate changes prevent direct comparisons between time periods.

^{3/} European standard can.

^{4/} Pack in Germany.

LONDON PRICES OF CANNED FRUITS AND JUICES ^{1/}
(In U.S. dollars)

Type and Quality	Size of Can	Price per dozen units 2/			Origin
April 1976:Jan. 1976:April 1976:					
CANNED FRUITS					
Apricot halves:					
Choice	No. 1	---	6.94	4.79	Australia
Do	2½	6.87	5.96	6.06	South Africa
In syrup	15 oz.	---	3.45	3.53	Spain
Fruit cocktail:					
Choice	303	5.16	4.46	4.07	United States
Not specified	2½	8.76	7.04	6.87	Australia
Fruit salad:					
Choice	15 oz.	---	4.02	3.80	Spain
Peach halves:					
Choice	2½	7.69	6.33	6.11	Australia
Do	2½	6.98	5.68	5.97	South Africa
Pears:					
Choice	2½	7.53	6.33	6.00	Australia
Do	2½	6.98	5.68	5.97	South Africa
Halves	15 oz.	---	4.00	3.72	Italy
Pineapple slices:					
Choice	2½	6.87	5.98	5.88	South Africa
Fancy	15½ oz.	4.50	4.10	3.92	South Africa
Grapefruit sections:					
Choice	15½ oz.	4.38	3.65	3.53	South Africa
No. 2	10 oz.	4.62	3.75	3.54	Israel
Not specified	15 oz.	---	3.65	3.53	British West Indies
CANNED JUICES					
Orange	43 oz.	---	6.49	6.24	Israel
Do	19 oz.	---	2.54	2.44	Israel
Grapefruit	No. 2	---	3.61	3.47	British West Indies
Do	43 oz.	---	6.90	6.69	Israel
Do	19 oz.	---	2.54	2.53	Israel

^{1/} Quotations represent selling prices on a landed duty-paid basis.

^{2/} Converted to U.S. dollars at approximate parity existing when quotations were observed.
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NETHERLANDS PRICES OF CANNED FRUITS ^{1/}
(In U.S. dollars)

Type and Quality	Size of Can	Price per dozen units <u>2/</u>			Origin
April 1976:Jan. 1976:April 1976:					
CANNED FRUITS					
Apricots:					
Not specified	2½ ltr.	24.55	23.38	23.24	Morocco
Choice	2½	---	6.65	6.61	South Africa
Pineapple slices:					
Not specified	2	---	6.02	5.99	Thailand
Heavy syrup	2½	---	7.10	7.02	Ivory Coast
Fruit cocktail:					
Choice	303	---	4.14	4.11	United States
Heavy syrup	2½	8.77	7.96	7.82	South Africa
Choice, light syrup ..	2½	7.30	7.10	7.11	Italy
Peach halves:					
Light syrup	2½	---	5.62	5.59	Greece
Choice	2½	7.89	6.65	6.61	South Africa
Peach slices:					
Choice	2½	---	5.93	6.08	South Africa
Pears:					
Not specified	2½	---	7.15	6.48	Italy
Do	2½	---	4.94	6.48	Greece

^{1/} Quotations represent wholesale offering prices on a landed weight basis with duties and levies paid.

^{2/} Converted to U.S. dollars at approximately parity existing when quotations were observed. Currency rate changes prevent direct comparisons between time periods.